

July 30, 2009

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and member Higgins attending. Board member Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Chief Waters; Comm. Maynard; Bob Boerner; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens; Chief Beloat; and Lorelei Barnes.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented.

Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated Chief Beloat is not present so they will begin Department Head reports with Chief Waters.

Chief Waters stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear from Supt. Givens.

Supt. Givens stated there was an issue with the riverfront project, a force main problem on Mulberry. He added it was discovered that the force main was in the same path as the 36" line. He then stated the situation will be taken care of, capped off, and everything else is going well.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

Chief Beloat arrived at the meeting.

Board member Higgins asked if there would be a delay in the project ?

Supt. Givens replied no.

Board member Higgins stated she has had many positive comments about the workers from the sewer plant and the contractor – they are very nice and keeping residents informed.

Supt. Givens agreed and added they are doing a good job.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Beloat stated August 10 and August 16, Officer Middleton needs to go to Plainfield to prepare for the academy. He added there will be no fall academy in Evansville. He will need the credit card for hotel and meals.

Lorelei Barnes arrived at the meeting.

Board member Higgins moved permission to attend pre-academy in Plainfield and use of city credit card be given. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Beloit continued by stating he would like permission to move forward on getting some prices on new VHF walkie talkies. He added the department currently has six old ones that need replaced, and he has been holding off as long as he can, but needs to move on this.

Board member Higgins moved permission to move forward on pricing be given. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Maynard stated he has some good news this afternoon – the bids have been let on the stimulus project, and work should be done by the end of November.

Mayor Tucker asked the cost of the work ?

Comm. Maynard replied between \$130,000 and \$150,000.

Mayor Tucker added that is really good news as there is NO CITY MATCH. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is opening quotes received on the demolition of 114 W. Second Street.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe opened the quotes as follows:

Keith Kuhn & Sons

To City of Mt. Vernon: This is a bid on River City Rentals Building
114 W. Second Street

Our Bid is \$6000

This includes tearing down old building including coal chute.

Remove old furnace and wood from hole in floor (basement or coal chute).

Fill basement or hole with brick and top off with sand and dirt.

This also includes dumpsters to haul off excess debris.

Thank you,
Keith Kuhn

Russell's Excavating & Septic Tanks, Inc.

Dear Sherry:

Thank you for this opportunity to quote and we are pleased to offer the following proposal:

Project: Demolition of 114 W. Second Street

Labor, equipment and materials to demolish building at 114 W. Second Street

including building, basement and coal chute. We will backfill as described in quote request.

Total Bid.....\$10,750.00

Please note that this bid does not include tuck pointing or weatherizing of shared wall on east side of building. If required, this would be done at a price of \$4,200.00.

These prices are good for a period of 60 days. Terms are net 30 upon project completion.

We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Greg Russell,
Vice President

Board acknowledged receipt of quotes and took them under advisement for study by Mrs. Willis and Attorney Higgins, hopefully they will be able to move forward with the lowest quote – after they determine they are comparing apples to apples.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Bob Boerner approached and stated he would like permission to close some streets October 2 – 3, 2009 from 10:00 am to 10:00 p.m. for the purpose of holding a motorcycle rally to raise money toward tearing down the silos. He added they have no idea how many people to expect, but they would like to shut down College between 4th and 2nd and 3rd Street between Main and Mill. He further stated Randy Yeida, owner of Koodie Hoos, is considering having a beer garden at his facility the same weekend, in conjunction with the rally. He added there will be a band and they are also expecting vendors – this will be a family-type situation.

Mr. Boerner further stated there will be food available from local vendors if possible; and possibly a car show.

Board member Higgins asked if this event would fall under “entertainment/festival permit” requirements ? Chief Waters replied yes, permission of which would come from the state.

Board member Higgins asked about police, if there would need to be extra ?

Chief Beloit replied he really does not know what to expect since this is the first year of the event.

Mr. Boerner added they are advertising at Dale’s Harley Davidson, Bud’s Harley Davidson, West Side Honda, in magazines and flyers.

Board member Higgins questioned insurance ?

Mayor Tucker replied they are working on getting that.

Mr. Boerner stated the name of the event is Two Rivers Motorcycle Rally.

Mayor Tucker added for the Board’s information, they can not approve the beer garden.

Mr. Boerner agreed.

Board member Higgins moved permission to block the streets, as noted above, be given. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

Chief Beloit asked if they have contacted businesses in the area ?

Ms. Barnes replied not yet, they wanted to see how things went at this meeting before they proceeded.

Board member Higgins thanked the group for thinking “outside the box” on ways to raise money for the silos.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated under New Business, the Riverbend Coalition will present a concert Saturday night, August 1 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. They are requesting Main be closed from 3rd to 4th Streets. The name of the band is the Joe Smith Trio.

Board member Higgins moved permission to close the street be given. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker then stated Rodney Buchanan called and informed him the work on the Main Street crossing that was supposed to start this afternoon has been postponed until all materials arrive, it should be a couple of weeks.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer